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**DCR SETS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR EXPANDED BEAVER BROOK RESERVATION**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on November 17 to discuss the final draft Resource Management Plan for Beaver Brook Reservation northwest of Boston. The plan will guide the future stewardship of the Reservation, focusing especially on balancing recreation uses with the protection of natural and cultural resources.

**The public meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Mass Audubon Habitat Education Center, 10 Juniper Road, in Belmont.**

“Beaver Brook Reservation was established in 1893, the first reservation in the Metropolitan Park System, and was expanded from 59 acres to more than 300 acres with the recent addition of a portion of the former Metropolitan State Hospital property,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “Our goal is to provide public access at this beautiful reservation, while protecting the natural and cultural resources for future generations. We encourage and look forward to public input as we move forward with the Resource Management Plan.”

Under the Patrick Administration, DCR is developing Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for all agency properties. The Beaver Brook RMP will be used as a foundation for developing an action plan to manage recreation activities and resource stewardship in coordination with DCR’s Western Greenway partners.

The Beaver Brook draft RMP can be viewed at [www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/rmp-beaverbrk.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/rmp-beaverbrk.htm), at local libraries and town halls in Waltham, Belmont, and Lexington, and at the Mass Audubon Habitat Education Center in Belmont. Written comments on the draft plan should be sent to [rmp.comments@state.ma.us](mailto:rmp.comments@state.ma.us), with “Beaver Brook Reservation” in the email subject line.

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